

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 11, please replace paragraph [0035] with the following:

FIGURE 3 illustrates a software architecture 300 for providing a public API for multiple workflow engines. Architecture 300 can comprise a workflow engine layer 310, workflow engine API layer 320, API adapter layer 330, public API layer 350 (“public API 350”), and application layer 360. Additionally, Architecture 300 can include a content management layer 380 and persistent storage 370. Workflow engine layer 310 can include multiple workflow engines, such as workflow engine 312, workflow engine 316, and workflow engine 318, capable of managing the processes defined by an organization. Each workflow engine can be a vendor-specific workflow engine. For example, workflow engine 312 can be the IBM® MQ series workflow engine, workflow engine 316 can be the BEA® Process Integrator workflow engine, and workflow engine 318 can be the Vignette® PWS workflow engine. Each workflow engine can include an associated vendor-specific API in workflow engine API layer 320. For example, workflow engine 312 can be associated with API 322, workflow engine 316 can be associated with API 326, and workflow engine 318 can be associated with API 328. Each API allows programmers to build applications that are compatible with the underlying workflow engine. Thus, for example, API 322 can provide native objects to allow programmers to develop applications compatible with the IBM® MQ series workflow engine (i.e., workflow engine 312). As noted earlier, because each API in API layer 330-320 can be vendor-specific, applications developed for API 322 can be incompatible with API 326 or API 328.